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Hi my opinion of the Microsoft Settlement is it is WAY TOO WEAK. Microsoft is a total monopoly and has all the parallels of companies of the robber baron days. They choose companies they feel threaten their monopoly and crush them with "free" software giveaways and upgrades. They insert pieces of code to make competitor's software run unpredictably, and do not release API's to competitors in a fair fashion. They set all their own "standards" and ignore the rest of the industry. I think a good start would have been splitting Microsoft into at least two parts and imposing some REAL restrictions, not the current restrictions that will do nothing to stop Microsoft's anti-competitive ways. I could go on and on but suffice to say the settlement is far from what is actually needed to preserve free enterprise in the USA. Microsoft's "Freedom to Innovate" defense is a farce. Thank you. Andrew Fox